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1. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR CHUL SOON MOON INFORMED AMBASSADOR AUGUST 21 THAT PURPOSE OF HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA ON AUGUST 19 WAS TO PRESENT SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PAK. MESSAGE UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE SOUTH KOREA ATTACHES TO POSITIVE TUNISIAN VOTE AT NAC ON SOUTH KOREA'S ADMISSION AS NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO MOON, PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA STATED THAT GOT WOULD "IN PRINCIPLE" SUPPORT SOUTH KOREA'S ADMISSION BUT THAT IF OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF ARAB AND AFRICAN STATES OPPOSED, TUNISIA WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW ITS POSITION. PRESIDENT STRESSED THAT TUNISIA, AS SMALL COUNTRY, COULD NOT RPT NOT AFFORD TO BE ISOLATED.

2. AMBASSADOR MOON SAID HE INFORMED BOURGUIBA THAT RECENT CANVAS TAKEN OF ARAB AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES INDICATED THAT MAJORITY OF THESE COUNTRIES ARE IN FAVOR OF CONSIDERING SOUTH KOREA, AS IN THE CASE OF NORTH KOREA, NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY; THEREFORE, TUNISIA'S CONCERN
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ON THIS SCORE SEEMS UNNECESSARY. MOON REITERATED TO

PRESIDENT HIS "HOPE" THAT GOT COULD SEE ITS WAY CLEAR
TO VOTING IN FAVOR OF SOUTH KOREA'S ADMISSION.

3. MOON ALSO TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT DURING CALL ON GOT
DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AHMED GHEZWL AUGUST
21, HE RAISED MATTER OF HOSTILE KOREAN RESOLUTION AT UPCOMING
SESSION OF UNGA. HE REMINDED GHEZAL THAT EARLIER SECRETARY
OF STATE KOOLI HAD ASSURED HIM THAT GOT WOULD VOTE AS IT
HAD LAST YEAR; NAMELY, GOT WOULD ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE KOREAN
RESOLUTION AND SUPPORT SOUTH KOREAN RESOLUTION. ACCORDING
TO MOON, GHEZAL SEEMED SYMPATHETIC BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT.
NEVERTHELESS, MOON SAID GHEZAL WAS AWARE OF PRESIDENT
BOURGUIBA'S SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT PAK'S MESSAGE
AND GAVE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT GOT DELEGATION (HEADED
BY FONMIN CHATTI AND INCLUDING GHEZAL), WOULD AVOID
ANY COMMITMENTS AT LIMA SUPPORTING HOSTILE KOREAN
RESOLUTION.
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